

THE SIGNAL

**SPECIAL
FIELD DAY
ISSUE**

**Newsletter of the
Bella Vista Radio Club**



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Weekly Nets: 3820 KHz Roundtable, Sundays @ 4 p.m. • 147.255 Repeater Net, Wednesdays @ 8 p.m.

Monthly Meetings: 1st Thursdays @ 7 p.m., Highland Christian Church, 1500 Forest Hills Blvd, Bella Vista

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NEXT BVRC MONTHLY MEETING

Thursday, July 5, 2018 – 7:00 pm

Highland Christian Church

1500 Forest Hills Blvd.

Bella Vista, Arkansas

July Program:

Working The Birds: An Introduction to FM Satellites

Presented by Chris Hobbs - KD5RYO, from Siloam Springs

See www.BellaVistaRadioClub.org
for the location, a Google Map, and more.

BVRC Officers:

President – Glenn Kilpatrick, WB5L

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K5QBX

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Board Member At Large – Ken Mummery – K6RLA

Appointed Chair Positions:

Social Media Committee – Jen Kessler, KG5WOC

Repeater Committee – Fred Lemley, K5QBX

VE Testing Committee – Glenn Kilpatrick, WB5L

From the Desk of the President



We had a tremendous event with this year's Field Day! Rumors were we had over 50 people in attendance! It was wonderful to see every one of you! The attendance of the ladies made this event very special. With all the work and planning we were successful in our goals. Now that all the Field Day excitement is behind us, we still have plenty of excitement planned for the rest of the year. We have made application to the ARRL for affiliated club membership. We have a great program presentation for the July meeting: "Working the Satellites" with Chris Hobbs, KD5RYO. We still need to plan for Emergency Communications and work on a program for all the new hams. We need your thoughts and suggestions on these two important club activities. We also need to promote someone into the Public Information Officer position, as we have a vacancy, so please think about helping out in that regard. We have some fantastic door prizes lined up for July and August, however we could use some more! Search around the shack and if you have something that would be better off used elsewhere, then donate! There is much still to be done! Thanks go out to K5QBX, K5SAW and K5XK for all the Field Day work. Also, thanks to W5JAY for bringing the box of goodies last meeting. We are looking forward to seeing you more in the future and HEARING you on the HF and VHF nets! Let's get on the air and have fun! Thanks to all for such an opportunity to serve.

73 – Glenn, WB5L

WELCOME NEW BVRC MEMBERS

W1DRP – Terry Arnold, Bella Vista (reinstate-welcome back!)
KE5GTF – Tony Crowsey, Fayetteville
KF5JRU – Derek Jones, Bentonville



BVRC Special Event Station

K5A

August 11, 2018

Shiloh
Museum



of Ozark
History

50 YEARS
1968-2018

A reminder to all BVRC members:

Bella Vista Radio Club is happy to announce that we have partnered with the Shiloh Museum of Ozark History to join them in their 50th Anniversary celebration with amateur radio via Special Event Station K5A on this special date. We will be operating from the General Store on the museum grounds (which is air conditioned).

Two stations will be in operation, SSB and CW.

The address for the museum is:
118 West Johnson Avenue
Springdale, AR 72764

K5A will go on the air from the SMOH General Store on Saturday, August 11, at 1300Z (8:00 am local time) and will conclude at 2300Z (6:00 pm local time).

All BVRC members are invited and encouraged to stop by and visit the station, and *operate and/or log* if you so choose.

To avoid confusion and promote fairness in operating time with this all- day event, an Operator Schedule is being arranged. Any and all BVRC members who wish to operate or assist in logging, are heartily welcomed to do so, but you must get on the Operator Schedule. The schedule will be divided into 1-hour shifts.

If you are interested in getting on the schedule, send an e-mail to Ron-K5XK at: k5xk@arrl.net and include the following information to Ron:

***Time slot(s) you desire to operate

***Mode you would like to operate –
SSB and/or CW

***If you would like to help by logging
only: YES or NO

SEE YOU AUGUST 11th !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

For the remainder of this month's Signal, we will dispense with our other regular departments in order to bring you a pictorial feature story on the happenings at BVRC Field Day 2018, held at Metfield Park June 23 – 24. Thanks to Field Day Coordinator Fred – K5QBX in supplying all the information for us, and Ron Evans-K5XK for the great pics. If you couldn't attend, you were missed and we hope you can make it next year to Field Day 2019!!!

Lots of contacts and lots of fun were experienced at BVRC Field Day 2018. Three stations, one for each of the main modes, plus a GOTA (Get On The Air) station helped to put BVRC, Bella Vista, and northern Benton County on the Field Day map.

479 QSOs were logged. An 11-year-old operated, as well as the event being attended by an assigned safety officer.

5 main antennas were used that consisted of an 80m inverted Vee, a 40m elevated vertical w/3 elevated radials, an NVIS antenna (K5SAW's design) for 80 & 40m, a linked dipole for 40 & 20m, and a 20-10m Force 12 vertical dipole. Steve-K5SAW also had his concentrically wound 40m antenna (on a 4' X 4' frame) that is tuned with a water actuated capacitor of his own design.

All stations were generator powered, and the internet was provided by Andy-KG5SEI. Our potluck picnic had plenty of food!!! Kathy, WB5L's XYL, cooked the chicken filets and Jen-KG5WOC, headed up the rest of the food for us through an app called SignUp Genius. We had green beans with bacon and cheese, barbeque beans, pasta salad, pineapple upside cake, cookies, banana pudding, and banana bread were just some of the veggies/ treats we had.

A HUGE THANKS TO THESE FOLKS, AS WELL AS EVERYONE ELSE WHO HELPED IN MAKING BVRC FIELD DAY A SUCCESS!

Now enjoy some of the scenes from Field Day 2018:











What better way to top off an excellent day of equipment, antenna, and food preparations, than to have a Saturday evening visit from your ARRL Section Manager! Here Ron – K5XK welcomes ARRL SM Jay Ferguson – N5LKE



Two weeks before Field Day, BVRC President Glenn-WB5L presents Field Day Coordinator Fred-K5QBx with the June meeting Certificate of Appreciation for his FB program on Field Day preparations.

It was great times, great food, and a great Field Day site from NW Arkansas' fastest growing club. The site was phenomenal and the "cosmetics" were very good with our new lead-in signs off of Hwy 71, and our club and FD banners displayed. We had a nice welcome / public info table. A huge thanks to all the members who turned out to set-up, and tear-down. Social time on Saturday and the potluck dinner was a hit, thanks to Jen, Kathy, and all their helpers. In addition to the visit by our SM for 100 Bonus points, we accomplished advance news publicity from our news releases and mayor / county judge proclamations and photos, and follow-up news stories by at least one newspaper and one TV station.

In addition to the great club member attendance, there was a LOT of ham/XYL visitors. In total, an estimated 50-75 people attended BVRC Field Day 2019.

Hope you enjoyed this Special Field Day edition of THE SIGNAL. We will be back next month with our regular departments, articles, and continuing coverage of our great club – BVRC.

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